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TLETS Re-engineering Project Update

The TLETS Re-engineering project team is well underway. The project is being managed using Concurrent Engineering Methodology (CEM). This allows TxDPS to plan the project and to identify and mitigate issues that arise during the project lifecycle. We are happy to report that the project is still on schedule.

TxDPS anticipates that the new system will be in production in the 4th quarter of 2005. The current system will be modified to communicate with the new system, so that users will be allowed to migrate to the new system gradually, over time. TxDPS is making every effort to minimize the impact to the member agencies; however, users will be required to migrate to the new system no later than September, 2008.

Last quarter's newsletter gave details regarding the goals and deliverables associated with the project. Users are encouraged to review that article carefully to ascertain the impact that the project will have on their particular agency. Most agencies that are using the 3270 "green screens" provided by TxDPS should be pleasantly surprised by the new user interface. The user interface will be a Graphical User Interface (GUI). In addition to the types of functions currently available, some of the features of the new user interface will be:

- individual logon
- on-line lookup of in-state destinations
- drop down boxes or pop-up lists for possible code table values

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SUZANNE'S LAW

A new Federal law, 'SUZANNE'S LAW (42 USC § 5779) now requires federal, state, and local law enforcement to report to NCIC each case of a missing child under the age of 21. This law removes the ambiguity about 17 year olds.

42 USC § 5779. REPORTING REQUIREMENT. (a) In general each federal, state, and local law enforcement agency shall report each case of a missing child under the age of 21 reported to such agency to the National Crime Information Center of the Department of Justice. (b) Guidelines. The Attorney General may establish guidelines for the collection of such reports, including procedures for carrying out the purposes of this Act. (c) Annual summary. The Attorney General shall publish an annual statistical summary of the reports received under this title.



*The International Justice and
Public Safety Information Sharing Network*

TO: ALL NLETS REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: Steve Correll, Executive Director

DATE: July 27, 2004

SUBJECT: **VALIDATION OF ORION FILE**

It is the responsibility of the NLETS representative to assure that all ORION entries owned by that user (state, federal and/or associate) have been certified as up-to-date and accurate. This validation effort is in conjunction with NCIC's validation. The CTO will certify that all records are valid, accurate, and up-to-date and sign a certification document (copy attached) attesting to the validity of each record owned by the member. Staff will cause the certification date in each record to be updated to reflect the successful completion of the certification procedure. Users will have until **October 31, 2004** to certify their ORI's. Following this date, NLETS will notify the members that their **ORI's have not been certified and will be deactivated in 30 days unless certified**. If, after thirty days from the time the member has received the second notice, the ORI's that have still not been certified, **they will be deactivated**. Should you have any questions, please contact the site or office.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Correll

NOTICE TO ALL TLETS MEMBERS

According to this directive from the CEO of NLETS, all agencies records in Texas. State, federal, military, city and county and county criminal justice must validate your agencies ORI and other agencies that you provide service to. If your ORI is deactivated you will not receive NCIC III and out-of-state information. Our Texas NLETS Representative is Chief Mary Lauderdale, Information Management Service at DPS Headquarters; she is responsible for the Texas records that have been entered into the NLETS database system. It is imperative that all agencies have their records validated by October 31st, 2004.

State, Federal and Police Departments instructions as follows:

1. First look at your record, in TLETS enter transaction code: TQ, enter.
2. Type in TX in the destination field, tab to the ORI field and enter your nine character ORI only.
3. Review your record, check address, zip code, phone/fax numbers.
4. To modify and or validate your records, enter transaction code: TU.
5. Enter your city location only (do not enter PD, FBI, DPS) LOC/city, then enter your ORI.
6. Modify only the fields that need modification. If no modification is needed, simply re-type your phone number in the first PHN field.
7. Press enter; you should get a response RECORD UPDATED

Sheriff's Departments and County/Criminal Justice and Military agencies instruction as follows:

1. Follow the instructions 1-5 listed above. All sheriff's and county criminal justice have two (2) records, and both must be validated.
2. Your records will be shown in two ways: LOC/CITY NAME and LOC/COUNTY NAME
3. Enter Loc/city name and ORI, modify the necessary fields, and press enter.
4. Enter Loc/county name (Example: HOOD COUNTY), include the word county in the Loc field, press enter

Military Agencies: have two records, one by base name, and one by city where the base is located: you will have to enter your three character code with a hyphen: (Example: LOC/AFO-LACKLAND and LOC/AF0-SAN ANTONIO)

Questions or concerns, please contact TLETS Training 512/424.2014 or 2419.

Special Crimes' TSAAC goes 24-7:

Center tracks terrorism threats, info

The Texas Security Alert and Analysis Center (TSAAC), run by DPS Special Crimes, is the central repository for multi-jurisdictional criminal intelligence information that relates to terrorism activities in Texas. The facility, which is located in the State Operations Center, had been operating 16 hours a day; as of August 29, it is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We are pleased that the TSAAC is fully operational," said Col. **Thomas A. Davis Jr.** "Terrorist attacks do not occur in a vacuum. Someone somewhere is bound to see something that just doesn't make sense, or doesn't seem logical. They should contact TSAAC as soon as possible."

TSAAC personnel have access to many computer databases that allow them to receive and evaluate information from various sources and assist other agencies from across the nation that request help. They also respond to Internet and telephone inquiries from other law enforcement agencies and the general public.

Law enforcement officers and employees as well as the general public should be aware of their surroundings and report activities or circumstances that seem unusual. Examples could include:

- Someone showing unusual interest in utilities, government buildings, historic buildings or similar infrastructure. Pay particular attention to someone photographing, videotaping, inquiring about security, drawing diagrams or making notes about such facilities.
- Suspicious or abandoned packages, luggage or mail in a crowded place, such as an airport, office building or shopping center.
- Suspicious rentals of storage facilities, residences, apartments, hotels/motels and/or vehicles.
- Theft or large cash purchases of baby formula, uniforms, weapons or identity documents.
- Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or an unoccupied residence.
- Someone tampering with electrical, gas or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle and uniform.

Anyone who sees suspicious activities or persons should call 911 immediately or contact TSAAC toll-free at 1-866-786-5972. Reports may also be made online at <https://www.texasalert.tx.gov>.



CONCEALED HANDGUN UPDATE

The states of Utah, Mississippi and Idaho have signed a reciprocal agreement with Texas that allows concealed handgun license holders from these states to legally carry in Texas. Utah, Mississippi and Idaho license holders will be required to follow Texas law while carrying in this state. For questions concerning reciprocal agreements contact the handgun legal section at 512.424.5842.

TLETS Re-engineering continued from page 1,

- mouse or mouse-free operation
- spell-check on administrative messages
- notification when a high priority message, such as a hit confirmation, arrives
- capability to provide the full functionality of NCIC2000 including delivery of images and responses to batch queries
- automatic software updates at login

Interface Agency Conference Scheduled

Agencies that have a computer-to-computer interface into the TLETS system (CAD, MDT, RMS, etc.) should be aware that the new system will require extensive changes to their system in order to connect to the new system. The following changes are known at this time:

- replace the communications in their server application with support for DMPP-2020 TCP/IP socket protocol
- provide 256-bit Rijndael (AES) encryption
- modify the TLETS header upon migration to the new system

TxDPS has scheduled a conference for the interface agencies and their vendors to address these topics. Since all interface agencies will be required to undergo the Security Review Process when migrating to the new system, Personnel from Crime Records Service will also be on hand to provide information regarding that process. Requirements documentation will be provided at the conference.

The conference will be held at TxDPS headquarters on October 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Space is limited, so TxDPS requires agencies to sign up for the conference. Agencies may obtain conference information and sign up for the conference at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tletsconference>.

Agencies and their vendors may volunteer to participate in the early migration to the new system by contacting the TLETS Order Center at tlets_order_center@txdps.state.tx.us. TxDPS cannot guarantee that a volunteer will be selected to participate in the early migration. Selection will be dependent on many factors.

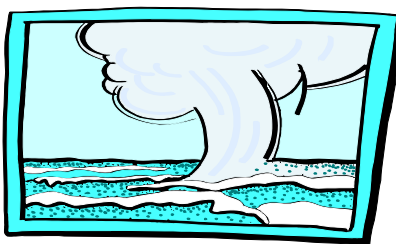
TxDPS asks that recipients of the TLETS newsletter disseminate this information within their agency. The Project Oversight Committee will communicate project progress through this venue, the TCIC2000 Listserv, and the TLETS website. Questions, comments, and concerns may be relayed to <mailto:tlets@txdps.state.tx.us>.

NEW SHERIFF COMING TO TOWN!!!

Remember, the Texas Sheriff's Association will be hosting a conference in Austin December 6-10. At the conference a lot of items will be brought up and discussed. One of these items will be the TLETS USER/EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT. New sheriffs will need to sign this agreement. This is a very important legal document. It is a document that is between the director of DPS and the head of the agency. It explains all the systems the agency has access to as well as what DPS is responsible for and what the agency is responsible for. If you want to read the agreement, refer to your TLETS/NLETS OPERATING MANUAL, Appendix 7. There is a SAMPLE of the agreement. For those **not able** to attend the conference here is the web site to access the agreements: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/information_management/tlets/tletsindex.htm

Login username is: tlets Password: #5Et3a (case sensitive).

The User Agreement is three pages in length. The address is to be PRINTED on page one including the zip code. On the third page the name of the **NEW SHERIFF** is to be **printed** and then the signature and the effective date. There will be two user agreements to sign and date. Make sure **both** are signed and dated. Send them to me, Suzanne Nightengale for verification. Send to the Texas Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 4087, Austin, TX 78773-0215



Hurricane Preparedness for TLETS Satellite Equipment

How do I prepare TLETS Satellite equipment in the event of a hurricane?

Here are the "Dos and Don'ts" list for satellite communications equipment if your office is being evacuated due to severe weather (i.e. tropical storm, hurricane, tornado, etc...).

DO...

- ... unplug the PES and all communication equipment attached to the PC before leaving the building
- ... leave the antenna attached to the mast (chance of survival is greater than 95% and the chance of remaining operational 85-90%)
- ... ensure the power is completely stable before turning the PES and DCE equipment back on
- ... ensure that all the outdoor PES equipment is not damaged before placing a service call. If it is, it needs to be noted at the time the call is placed.

CALL DPS NETWORK CONTROL 1-800 63-TLETS

DON'T...

- ... place a service call until the power is restored and stable
- ... place a service call if no local personnel can let the tech into the facility
- ... place a service call for a damage assessment survey unless it is critical.

Always remember, the safety of human lives comes first. If you are in danger or have been instructed to leave the premises immediately, do not stay to prepare the equipment.



LEOS FLYING ARMED UPDATE

Voluntary advance notification to the Transportation Security Administration via NLETS is extended through December 31, 2004. All LEOS flying armed are asked to contact the TSA via NLETS to **VATSA1200** by administrative message for advanced notification of employees flying armed. See the 2nd Quarter TLETS Newsletter which contains the full story.

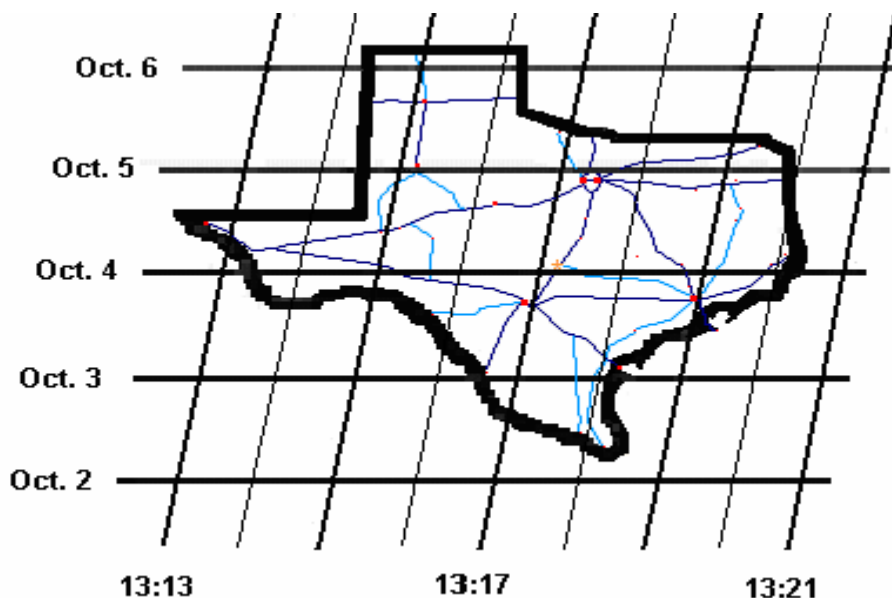
Fall 2004 Sun Outage for Satellite Users

Sun outages take place when a ground antenna's communications link is disrupted by the sun's RF energy. They occur as a gradual degradation of a signal. During the autumnal equinox, the sun passes through the equatorial plane. Geostationary satellites are also positioned on the equatorial plane. A sun outage occurs when the ground antenna views the sun passing behind the spacecraft, much like an eclipse. Many factors effect the duration and intensity of the sun outage, including antenna size and downlink frequency. The timing of the outage is attributable to ground site location and spacecraft longitude.

Sun Outage Map

The sun outage map below depicts predictions for fall 2004 sun outages. The Date and Time transit lines represent the peak period of sun outages during the current equinox season. The Date transit lines are represented in 1-day intervals, while the Time transit lines (shown for CST) are represented in 1-minute intervals. These outage predictions need to be considered estimates.

To utilize the map, locate the nearest Date/Time-line intersection to your location. To encompass all sun outages, additional days and minutes must be added to the peak period. On average, count on +/- 3 days from the peak date for sun outage impact. Peak duration for your antenna is 4-5 minutes.



Example

Remote sites in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area will experience some signal degradation between 13:05 – 13:30 on October 2nd – 8th, with the peak between 13:16 – 13:21 on October 5th.

Impact

During the time that your location is affected by the Sun Outage you may or may not experience a loss of communication with the TLETS system. Those sites with backup modems and phone lines will most likely not experience any outages. Those sites that do experience outages will regain communications as soon as the satellite eclipse has passed.

The entire system will experience signal degradation between 13:10 – 13:20 on October 1st – 7th. This is when the Austin Hub will be affected by this phenomenon.

TRAINING CALENDAR

2004 SCHEDULE

BROWNWOOD

SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 1, 2004
REGION 4

WICHITA FALLS

OCTOBER 4-8, 2004 – REGION 5

HILLSBORO

NOVEMBER 15-19, 2004- REGION – 6

HENDERSON

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 3, 2004
REGION – 1

2005 SCHEDULE

MIDLAND

MARCH 14-18, 2005 – REGION 4

TLETS/NLETS and TCIC/NCIC Basic Procedures Course # 2811 – Contact DPS Austin at mnemonic address JJ04 or call 512.424.2419 or 2014.

Agencies desiring the three day TLETS /NLETS Operator's Course can attend the first three days of the 40-hour school.
E-mail: joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

NOTE: As of January 1, 2000 all agencies must maintain one (1) fully trained DPS certified operator per shift See the TRAINING help file.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Update

As of September 1st, 2004, all boat registration inquiries must be sent to mnemonic address to PWLZ in La Porte. Austin PWD will no longer process boat registrations at mnemonic address PWAZ. PWD Austin will process all other types of requests at PWAZ.

BULLETIN BOARD

San Antonio AACOG

AACOG will host an Israeli Selective Point Shooting Course October 25-29, 2004. This course is designed for full time State, Federal and Military Law Enforcement. For registration information go to: www.aacog.com or telephone 866.586.4949.

Allen Police Department

The Allen Police Department is hosting a TCLEOSE Basic Instructors Course November 8-12, 2004. The cost of this school is \$125.00. For registration and other information contact TECH 3 Training at 972.562.5417 or Sgt Conrad Avena 972.727.0235.

I.A.C.P., in conjunction with the Allen Police Department, is hosting Mentoring for the retention of public safety personnel. November 1-2, 2004. For registration information contact Sgt Conrad Avena at 972.727.0235 or call 1.800.843.4227.

Rowlett Police Department

Rowlett PD will be hosting Armor Training (Defense Technologies/Federal Laboratories) October 4-5, 2004. This course focuses on the proper care, maintenance and repair of the defense Tech/Federal labs. For additional information contact The Armor Training Academy at 1.800.733.3832.

Lubbock Training Academy

Lubbock PD is hosting an Advanced Collision Investigation Course October 4-15, 2004. You can register online at <http://www.uttinc.com> or contact: Captain Neal Brumley at 806.775.2875.

Garland PD

Garland PD will be hosting a Powerphone Homeland Security for Telecommunications Training course October 11, 2004. Cost is \$189.00. For registration information go to: www.powerphone.com or 800.537.6937.

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

GRAHAM PD	GMPZ
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIV.	MWSZ
SARITA SO (KENEDY CO)	SCSZ

DELETED AGENCIES

AMARILLO TF#01	NCA8
AUSTIN DEA TF#87	NC03
BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE	BAFZ
DENTON NORTH CENTRAL TF#14	NC38
WAXAHACHIE SE TF#16	NBD0

NAME CHANGES

ROCKPORT PD AND SO HAVE COMBINED:
ROCKPORT PUBLIC SAFETY RPSA

BALLENGER PD
CHANGE TO BALLENGER SO BLGZ

HUNTSVILLE SO (WALKER)
CHANGE TO: HUNTSVILLE COMM HVSZ

MNEMONIC ADDRESS CHANGES

	OLD	NEW
GREENVILLE PD	GEPZ	GEX1
NACOGDOCHES PD	NGPZ	NGX2

HELPFUL DPS LINKS

DPS has a new TLETS web page. To obtain:
TLETS /NLETS Operating Manuals
Mnemonic address list by city and county
TLETS Newsletters,
TLETS Equipment User Agreement w/ instructions
"How to make a building satellite ready" information
De-icing Policy. Go to:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/information_management/tlets/tletsindex.htm
A security screen will appear. Enter User name: tlets
Password: #5Et3a

To obtain Driver License Alarm and Administrative
Codes, Vehicle Revocations and H.E.A.T Training
Manuals, go to: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DIFLE>

A security screen will appear. Enter User name: difle
Password: xm3692TL

All passwords and ID's are case sensitive

TXDOT UPDATE

The Texas Department of Transportation, Vehicle Titles and Registration Division have a web site available for vehicle information for non-law enforcement use businesses may be interested include:
Auto dealers, auto auctions, wrecker services, salvage yards, insurance companies, bank / credit unions, title services, collection agencies, city/county municipalities that have code enforcement, university/colleges and private investigators. This information is available 24-hours a day. For further information go to:

<https://prod1.dot.state.tx.us/cencompop.html>

For out-of-state information:

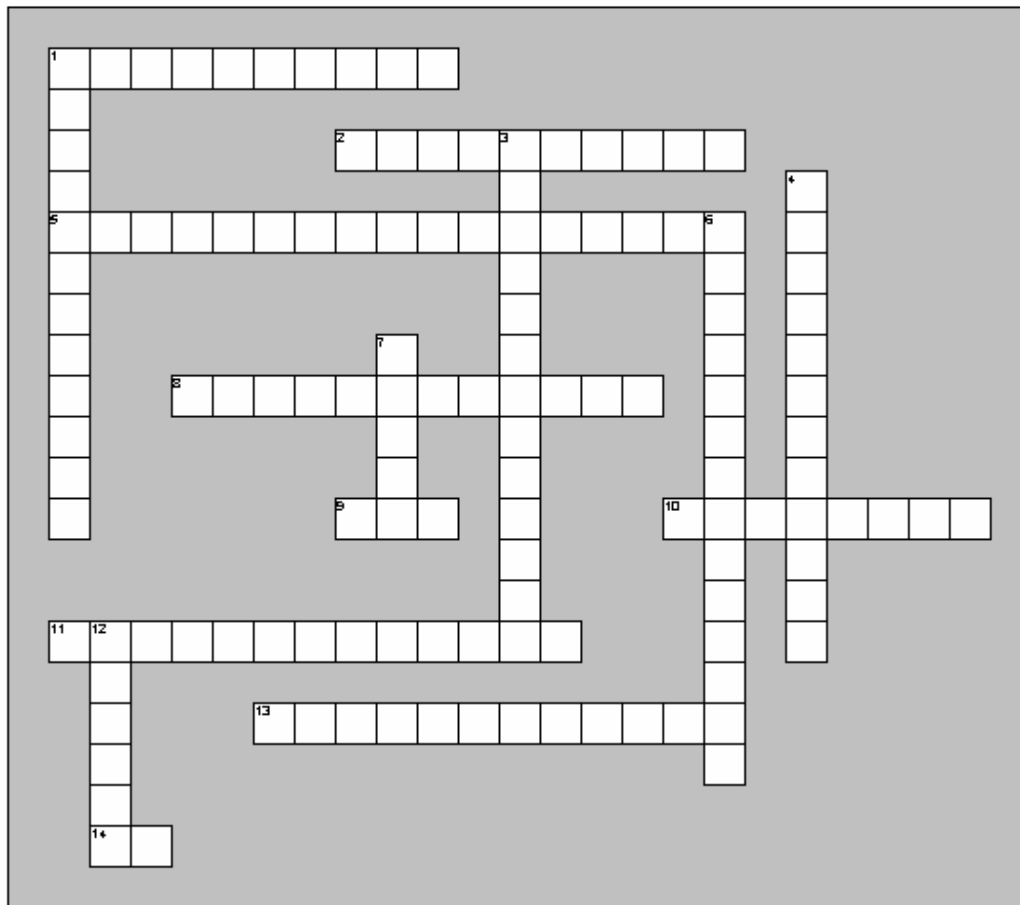
<https://www.dot.state.tx.us/othertrans/usmap.htm>

2nd Quarter TLETS Puzzler Answers

Across "

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Color 4.7 | 12. EXPRESSWAY 'CDL' HELP | 4. IAQ "Formats" | 13. S277 Malist |
| 2. Bolo Dictionary | 14. UNN 13.10 | 6. GS 7.14 | 16. G1 Appx. 1 |
| 3. NH59 MaList | EIGHT "1 ST Q NEWS | 8. CLEAR 6.0 | 17. TC "States: help |
| 5. AFO 13.1 | 18. CPIC 13.12 | 9 I20W MaList | 19. CTA "Dirlist" |
| 7. MQ 13.3 | DOWN | 10. NXWTH "NHF" | |
| 8. CTSI "Formats" | 1. CONTROLFIELD 6.2, 7.2, 8.2 | 11. GNGEN "NHF" | |

Crossword



Across

1. ROW message are _____ from state-wide broadcast.
2. NS is its Canadian province/territory code.
5. Reason code "T" used in the RSN field of all Canadian NLETS/INTERPOL inquiry formats.
8. To access TLETS "Field" help, enter this in the field and press the ENTER key.
9. Broadcast mnemonic address for all Texas Sheriff's offices.
10. SOC numbers with prefix 400 were issued from this state.
11. Section of the TLETS/NLETS Manual that has a sample copy of the TLETS User Agreement.
13. PF5 and PF6 keys are _____.
14. NLETS ORION agency type code for any law enforcement agency employed by a state with statewide jurisdiction.

Down

1. The abbreviation of POE.
3. The NLETS Message type code SM is a _____.
4. This type of message should be made when a message is no longer valid.
6. This type message can only be sent to a maximum of three geographical area/regions in Texas
7. This help file will assist you to determine various type of foreign _____ issued by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
12. This help file will assist you to determine the state of issue for a Mexican license plate.